and grant in aid is extended to small growers for various developmental activities such as new planting, replanting, rejuvenation pruning and infilling the vacancies, creation of irrigation facilities, organizing themselves into self help groups, participation in the study tours etc. Tea Board has also taken steps to create quality awareness among the small growers.

(d) and (e) While financial assistance by way of subsidy and grant in aid is extended to small growers for various developmental activities, there is no proposal to provide subsidy for growing tea *per se*.

Exports and Imports

2293. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) details of exports to each country during the last financial year;

(b) details of imports from each country during the last financial year;

(c) whether Government had set any targets for exports and imports with each country for the present financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) present position of such exports and imports as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) India has trade with around 200 countries. The details of exports to and imports from various countries during the last financial year are given in the publication 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol. I (Exports)' and 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol. II (Imports)' of 2005 published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics which are also available in the Parliament Library.

(c) to (d) The Government does not set country-wise targets for exports and imports. The Government, however, fixes an overall annual target for exports. During the current financial year 2005-06, the annual export target was fixed at US$ 92 billion.

(e) According to the latest provisional data available from the DGCI&S for the period April-October, 2005-2006, India's exports were valued at US $ 51.5 billion and imports were valued at US $ 75 billion.

competitiveness of the domestic industry by providing quality infrastructure in functional clusters. The National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) has been set up by the Government to provide a continuing forum for policy dialogue to energise and sustain the growth of manufacturing industries in India.

Production and export of flowers

†2290. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to increase the production and export of flowers under floriculture;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to increase the production of flowers in Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Jammu and Kashmir as well as to export them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is encourgaing floriculture under the National Horticulture Mission. The Mission was launched in May, 2005 with a total outlay of Rs. 2300 crores during the Tenth Plan for development of horticultural crops including floriculture. Steps taken to increase production and export of floriculture products also include setting up of 6 Agri Export Zones (AEZs) for flowers in 5 States, financial assistance to exporters under Plan schemes of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for market development, infrastructure development, quality development, research, transport assistance, and setting up of perishable cargo centres at various international airports.

(c) The outlay under a technology mission for the development of horticulture including floriculture in the 3 States during the Tenth Plan is given below:

(Rupees in crores)

State	Amount
Himachal Pradesh	80.00
Uttaranchal	80.00
Jammu and Kashmir	100.00

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.